GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Industries, Infrastructure, Investment & Commerce Department - Mines & Geology - Vigilance Report - Illegal transportation of minor minerals like Quartz, Feldspar, Barytes and Granite through Krishnapatnam Port with the support of ADM&G(Vig), Nellore - Allegation against Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(Vig), Nellore, Presently working as Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipathri, Ananthapur Dist. - Departmental Proceedings under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal)Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges - issued.

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INDUSTRIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, INVESTMENT & COMMERCE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 319 Dated: 26-11-2019

Read:

Vigilance Report No.05 of General Administration (V&E) Department, (C.No. 417/V&E/NR.1/2017)

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**ORDER:**

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(Vig) Nellore presently working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipathri in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules,1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges and statement of imputations in Annexure I&II. A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed in Annexures III & IV.

3. Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(Vig), Nellore is directed to submit his written statement of defense (WSD) within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(Vig) Nellore is informed that, an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges that are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(Vig), Nellore is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be taken based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology (Vig), Nellore, presently working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipathri is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(vig) Nellore is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

**(P.T.O)**

7. The receipt of the G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY AND ORDER IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K. RAMGOPAL
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(MINES)

To
Sri G.Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines &Geology (Vig), Nellore, presently working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipathri, through Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam (with a request to serve & return served copy to Government).
Copy to:
The Director General, GA(V&E) Dept. PNBS, Vijayawada.
The OSD to APVC, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam.
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**ANNEXURE-I**

**Articles of charges framed against Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao the then Assistant Director of Mines and Geology(Vig). Nellore presently working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology. Tadipathri. Ananthapur District.**

**CHARGE:**

That he while working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(Vig), Nellore noticed certain irregularities during his tenure.

Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(Vig), Nellore has failed to discharge the legitimate duties, in measurements of Granite blocks and minerals at Krishnapatnam port, which has lead to huge loss of revenue to the Government exchequer. Thus the delinquent officer totally failed to perform his legitimate duties and he is held responsible for the same and violated Rule -3 of APCS(Conduct) Rules,1964.

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**ANNEXURE-II**

**Statement of imputations on Misconduct/Misbehavior in support to the charges framed against Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Asst. Director of Mines & Geoloav(Vig). Nellore presently working as Asst. Director of Mines & Geology. Tadipathri.**

That Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, while working as ADM&G(Vig), Nellore and the following irregularities have been taken place during his tenure.

Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, ADM&G(Vig), Nellore has never check measured the Granite Blocks in the port area and issued clearances for 1,48,308 granite blocks for export from Krishnapatnam port during the year 2016-17 & 2017-18 even though clear executive instructions issued by the Director of Mines & Geology vide Memo No. 30521/Vg/2011 date 22.09.2011, Memo No. 30524/Vg/2011-2 dated 02.04.2012 and Memo No.25925/Vg/2017(1) dated 28.02.2018.

Further Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao has not taken sufficient action to plug the loss of revenue to the Government though he was aware of the subject matter. (The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P. vide Memo No. 30524/Vg/2011- 2 date 02.04.2012 has issued instructions to the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology (Vig) to check measure the granite blocks/minerals at ports. As per the decision taken in the Minutes of meetings vide C.No.VIII/48/32/2015- Cus.Tech date 29.02.2016, Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao himself attended the meeting.)

Even Though the customs authorities are furnishing information to the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology(Vig), Nellore regarding export of minerals along with undertakings on monthly basis, Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao has not taken steps to verify whether Royalties /Seigniorage fee etc., payable to the Government is received or not in respect of Quartz and Feldspar exported through krishnapatnam port. Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao has never made any check measurements of the Quartz and Feldspar at port even though clear executive instructions issued by the Director of Mines & Geology vide Memo No. 30521/Vg/2011 dated 22.09.2011, Memo No. 30524/Vg/2011-2 dated 02.04.2012 and Memo No.25925/Vg/2017(1) datd: 28.02.2018. causes huge loss of revenue Rs.7,99,20,912/- (In respect of Quartz 5,95,32,362/- and Feldspar 2,03,88,550/-) during the year 2016-17.

Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology (Vig) has violated the instructions of the Director of Mines & Geology and not taken sufficient action to plug the loss of revenue to the Government causes loss of revenue to the Government. That, Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology (Vig), Nellore totally failed to discharge his legitimate duties with due care and diligence resulting in adversely affecting the administration is thereby held responsible for the same and thus violated the Rule -3 of APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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**ANNEXURE-III**

**List of documents relied upon to substantiate charges framed against Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology (Vig), Nellore presently working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipathri.**

1. C.No. VIII/48/32/2015-Cus.Tech Date 29.02.2016
2. Memo No. 30521/Vg/2011 Dated: 22.09.2011. from the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P.
3. Memo No. 30524/Vg/2011-2 Dated: 02.04.2012. from the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P.
4. Memo No. 25925/Vg/2017(I) Dated: 28.02.2018. from the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P.

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**ANNEXURE - IV**

**List of witness to sustain the charges framed against Sri. G. Ramachandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology (Vig), Nellore presently working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipathri.**

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